CHAPTER II

PRE-REVOLUTION DAYS

SUN Wen, better known to the world as Sun Yat-sen, was born in the Hsiang Shan District of Kwangtung, near Macao, in November 1866, There are numerous discrepancies in the biographical studies that have been published in the past. The fantastic and laudatory works of the late Sir James Cantlie and of Judge Linebarger had best be ignored by readers in search of the truth. The former intersperses scrappy information regarding the career of Sir James* hero, with out-of-date and inaccurate statements regarding conditions in China under the Manchus. Sir James Cantlie regarded Dr. Sun as "the most perfect character I ever knew*'—and expected that "the immediate work of Lu Chun Pu, Minister of War, *(sic)* will be the completion of an army of 24 Divisions/[1] (He un-fortunately omitted to state what would be the functions of Mr. Hai Chun Pu (i.e., the Admiralty, in connection with the fleet). Judge Linebarger draws on his imagination to the extent of describing "an incident at the abdication ceremonies of the Manchu Imperial Throne at Peking in 1911. Sun, as the representative of the people, purposely had

the ceremony set in the upper storey of the palace. Establishing himself there first, he literally made the Imperial Throne climb up to the people as represented by him/[1] It will suffice to say that